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## Meet the new Flyers coaches on June 22

African-American alumni are invited to a reception to meet Oliver Purnell and Clemette Haskins, the two new head

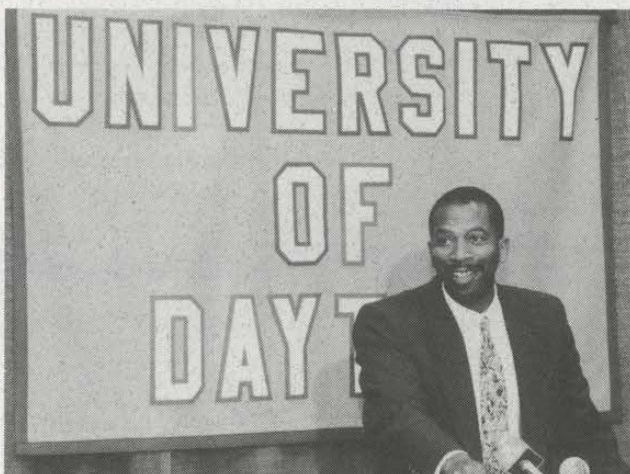
coaches who have been named to lead the Flyers men's and women's teams. The reception will be held on Wednesday, June 22, at the UD Arena Associates Lounge from 6 to 8 p.m.

Purnell, the fourth UD coach since 1947, comes to UD from Old Dominion University. He led the Norfolk, Va., school to post-season appearances in each of his three seasons as

head coach. Purnell, 40, says he'll play an uptempo game. "We're going to be exciting. That's the way our teams have always played. I expect and will demand nothing different here."

Haskins, and her father, Clem, head coach at the University of Minnesota, will open the 1994-95 season as the first father-daughter pair to coach at the Division I level. Haskins, 28, a three-time All-American point guard for Western Kentucky, comes to UD from the University of Arizona, where she has been the top assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the last four years.

To R.S.V.P. to the June 22 reception, call the alumni relations office at (513) 229-3299.



— Tim Boone

Top: Oliver Purnell got a standing ovation from UD faculty when he was introduced as the new head coach April 8. Bottom: New coach Clemette Haskins with her dad, Clem, and mother, Yvette.

Molefi Kete Asante, the founder of Afrocentricity, and Father George Clements, founder of the One Church-One Addict program, highlighted UD's African-American Male Conference in February.

Some 250 people from the University and Dayton community turned out to hear the speakers and attend workshops.

"Relatively few African-Americans have any understanding of the African people who were brought here. We can tell

## Asante, Clements highlight African- American Male conference at UD

you more about the Irish than the Mandingo," said Asante, professor and chair of the African-American studies department at Temple University. "We are a people who are disoriented."

Creator of the first doctoral program in African-American studies, Asante maintains, "The basis of Afrocentricity is understanding that all traditions are important, but no historical tradition is more correct for African people than our own." Yet in the classroom, "Eurocentrism has often become ethnocentrism. It imposes itself as universal."

Clements called on UD students to stop talking the talk and start walking the walk and outlined "One Student-One



A panel discussion featured Molefi Asante, UD professor Eric Watts and Father George Clements.

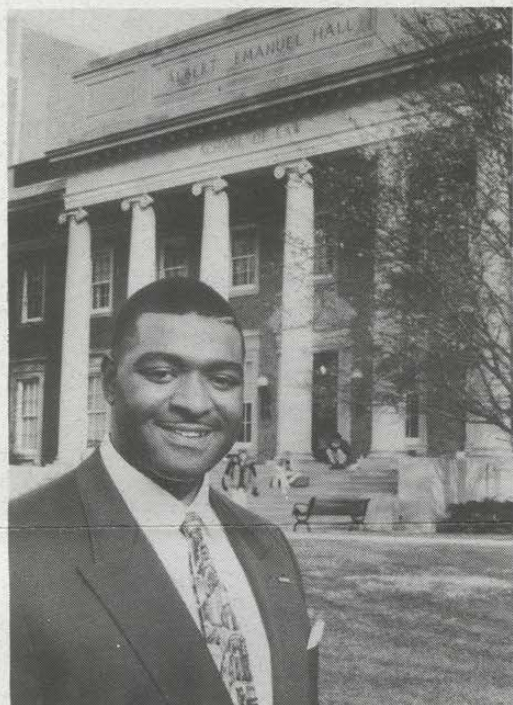
Inmate," a program that aims to encourage African-American college students to establish connections with African-American inmates in hopes of salvaging much of the lost potential that is trapped in incarceration.

Before launching his prisoner program, Clements founded One Church-One Child, a program dedicated to



- In an effort to prevent crime against tourists, police in Florida have started pulling over cars driven by black men.
- Last year, police in Chicago conducted "sweeps" of public housing searching for guns.
- Richard Boykin, a third-year student at the University of Dayton School of Law, calls such acts unconstitutional. In response, he has written a pamphlet to teach people about their rights under the Fourth Amendment, which guarantees freedom

## Pamphlet explains rights



Law student  
Richard Boykin

from unreasonable searches and seizures.

"I see this as making a great impact in the black community," says Boykin, a graduate of Central State University.

Five thousand copies of the pamphlet, printed by the Ink Well in Dayton, have been distributed through Dayton-area churches and other outlets in the past month. The pamphlet explains rules governing searches of people and property; exceptions to those rules; ways to remedy their violation; and key legal terms, such as "arrest warrant" and "probable cause." A question-and-answer section tests readers' understanding with 33 case scenarios.

Donations funding the printing came from the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, St. Luke Baptist Church in Dayton, Dayton Baptist Ministers Union, the Ink Well and the University of Dayton School of Law Student Bar Association.

- Boykin dedicated the pamphlet to the memories of Martin Luther King Jr. and Harold Washington, former mayor of Chicago.
- *The National Law Journal* and *The Columbus Dispatch* reported on Boykin's project, and an AP story was picked up by *The Plain Dealer* and more than a dozen other Ohio newspapers.
- Boykin, who hopes that the pamphlet will serve as "a check on police," stresses that he is no rabble-rouser: "I am strictly a law-and-order-type person. But I think that the police ought to have to abide by those rules that ordinary citizens have to abide by."

## Males (from Page 1)

- finding black adoptive parents for black and biracial children.
- Founded in 1984 while Clements was serving as pastor of Holy Angels Church in Chicago, the program has been responsible for more than 40,000 adoptions in 39 states — including four boys Clements adopted.
- Clements now works in Washington, D.C., with the American Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities and has recently launched One Church-One Addict, a program designed to provide recovering addicts with job counseling, spiritual consolation and avenues for professional treatment.

## R.A. stresses responsibility

Anjulia Mathews, a senior accounting major, has been involved in accounting club, McGinnis Community Relations Board and cooperated in many other activities. Her most memorable activity at UD has been her time as a resident assistant at the University of Dayton. "I have had to deal with so many people in so many different situations that I have picked up better communication skills and become more outgoing. I have learned to be responsible for things that I don't necessarily want to do, and to keep positive about those things."

As an R.A., Mathews organizes programs for sophomores, juniors and seniors to help them focus on education, community building and personal development through cultural experiences.

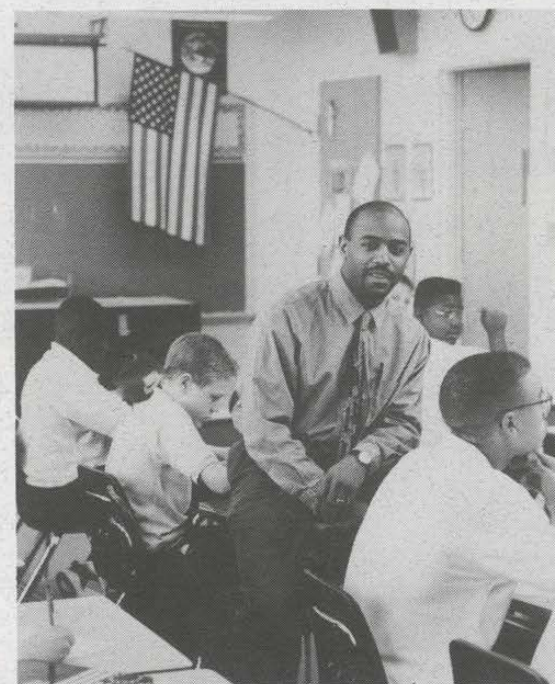
Being a resident assistant isn't easy according to Mathews, but "Being a resident assistant is what you make out of it," she says. "What are you going to get out of it?"

Mathews, whose hometown is Atlanta, plans to return to Georgia to complete her master's degree in secondary education at Georgia State.



Anjulia Mathews

## Three worlds lead to success



Anton Walker

Walker's school was complicated by the fact that his wife, Uvonne, and his 11 children live in Fairfield, near Cincinnati.

"My professors wonder how I do it," Walker said. "I call it the family, school and work. My family always comes first. I see my wife

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## Responsibility

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and she helps keep the peace. The experience can be rewarding. At you put into it is what you are

ia after graduation to work toward

—Monica L. Wirick '97

## No degree

Wake up at 6 a.m. Student-teach precious Blood School until 2:30. Start work at Banc One as a credit counselor at 4 p.m. Come home after midnight.

Not the typical day for a college student, but the typical day for Anton Walker, a senior elementary education major. Walker, 26, took a challenging path on his way to graduation from the University of Dayton on May 8. He entered the University of Cincinnati in 1985 but left after three semesters and three majors. After working for Ochter & Gamble and odd jobs in Cincinnati, Walker decided to re-enroll in school at Sinclair Community College in 1990. He came to UD in 1991 and decided to major in education, following in the footsteps of his father, an elementary school principal.

Walker's decision to go back to school for his month-old son, David, still live in

three worlds of Anton Walker — my father and son every weekend."

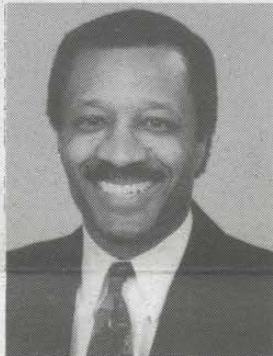
—Andy Schueneman '94

## Alumni make their marks

### JIM LAWRENCE '74

Jim Lawrence calls the famed Oakland Athletics owner Charlie O. Finley "a very crafty businessman. ... He played it very close to the vest," says the As former chief financial officer, laughing.

Lawrence joined the As after Finley sold the team in 1980, and though he never worked for the crusty CEO, he did deal with him during the change in ownership. "With Charlie O. Finley, it



Jim Lawrence

was really a matchbook operation. He wrote (payroll) checks out of his own checkbook."

Lawrence, who earned his MBA from UD, helped change all that when he came on board. He took over all finance, accounting and ticket operations and brought the club into the computer age. But travel to spring training and minor league clubs took Lawrence to "two to three hundred games a year. After a while, I had had my fill of baseball."

So he returned to the Silicon Valley where he'd formerly worked for a firm that manufactured semiconductors. Positions with Wang and Silicon Graphics eventually led to a position with Clarity

Software, a firm he founded in 1989 with a former colleague.

Clarity caters to customers using Unix workstations — computers used for everything from architectural drawings to scientific number crunching. The problem is most Unix users can't write a simple letter at their workstations because Unix doesn't offer those word-processing applications. Clarity does.

Still, the company has struggled in a region where "firms spring up every day," according to Lawrence. He took off only Christmas and New Year's Day during that first year of operation, and he and his colleagues still work an average of 65-70 hours per week. But Lawrence says he's found his niche in the valley.

"It's very fast paced, very high tech. Once that entrepreneurial bug bites you ... it's a personal satisfaction that's hard to describe."

### MICHAEL MURPHY '77

Though it may sound impressive to be introduced as the Hon. Michael Burnett Murphy, the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court judge isn't worried about trying to impress others. He cares about the impact he has — on the bench and in the community, through service

activities with Alpha Phi Alpha, the University of Dayton and St. Margaret's Church.

"As a judge and elected official it is necessary for me to be in the community and be a catalyst," says Murphy. "We need to let kids know that we're not going to accept (bad) behavior."

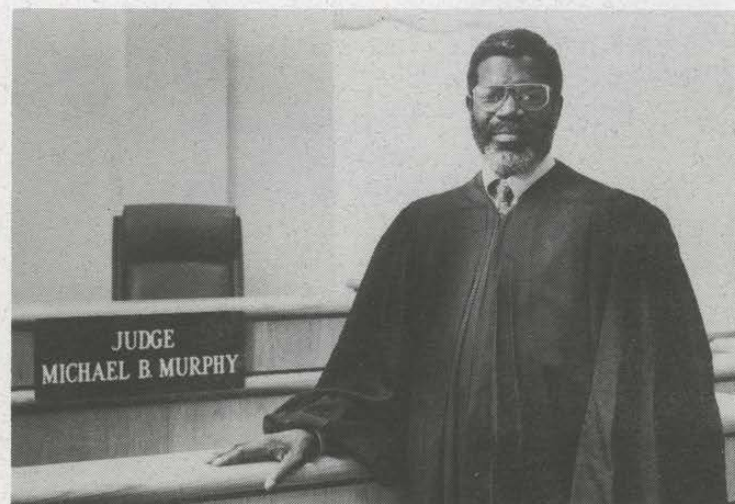
Serving on the bench in the juvenile division, Murphy feels that every case he has adjudicated has had a positive impact on the youth involved, especially those cases involving delinquency and custody. "Every time you make a decision about what happens to a kid you have an impact," says Murphy, the father of two sons. "I drop the hammer on kids with love."

As an African-American who deals with juveniles,

the secret to success lies within. "Young people who are saying we can't do this, we can't do that, simply are not putting forth their best effort."

Murphy points to his father, who had no formal education but managed to raise 12 children who are now all professionals. He provides the example of his friend Robert E. Renshaw, who became a lawyer in 1955 when there were only 1,500 black lawyers in the United States and only four in Dayton.

"We have to stop blaming other people for our condition. Discrimination and prejudice have been around since the days our forefathers stepped on these shores and it has not deterred them from achieving."



Judge Michael Murphy

Murphy is well aware of the issues of black-on-black crime, more black males being in prison than college, the pervasiveness of 'gangsta rap' and all the rest. His response is straight to the point.

"It's gotta stop." Murphy firmly believes

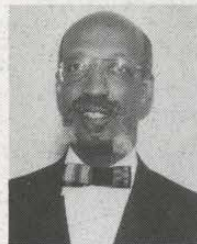
Murphy does not have all of the answers but he is sure of one thing about success. "It's all a matter of if you've got dreams and if you want to do something with your life."

—Adrian L. Morgan '94



## In the news

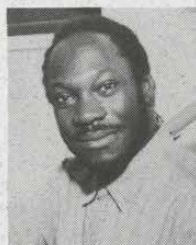
**Willis "Bing" Davis**, chair of the art department and director of the Paul



Robeson Cultural and Performing Arts Center at Central State University, received an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree from the University of Dayton

at commencement exercises May 8.

**Horace Bartilow**, assistant professor of political science at UD, received the President's Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award from the State University of New York at Albany for his



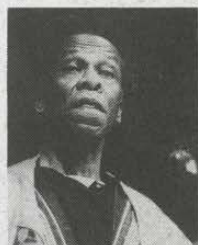
dissertation "Institutional Politics in International Monetary Fund Debt Negotiations."

**Adrian L. Morgan** '94, a senior history and education major, has won the Brother Ruhlman, S.M., Award



for Literary Achievement for his articles written for this publication, the *Black Perspective*, *Campus Report* and the *Flyer News*.

**Herbert Martin**, professor of English,



portrayed St. Augustine April 9 at a colloquium on "Augustine and Human Goodness: Metaphysics, Ethics and Politics."

## Homecoming's set for Oct. 21-23

Dayton-area black alumni are planning another fun-filled Homecoming Weekend:

- Friday, Oct. 21 — "Oldies but Goodies Night"
- Saturday, Oct. 22 — Octoberfest, UD Arena
- Evening — Live Entertainment/Dance
- Sunday, Oct. 23 — Farewell Brunch

Our activities are complemented by a full weekend of UD Homecoming events. Activities and a hospitality suite will be based at the downtown Dayton Radisson Hotel, where we've reserved the top three floors. Special room rates of \$59 a night are available. For reservations, call the Radisson at 1-800-333-3333 or 461-4700.

For information on homecoming activities, call the alumni relations office at (513) 229-3299 and request an activities schedule.

Get involved and help plan this exciting weekend. Black alumni planning meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Alumni House, 208 L St.

**Next meeting: June 1.**

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